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Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman

Conference servicing of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the conference servicing of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change 1/ and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon, 2/

Recalling that the General Assembly in its resolution 50/115 of 20 December 1995 decided to include in the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1996-1997 the sessions of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies envisaged for that biennium entailing twelve weeks of conference-servicing facilities,

Recalling also that the Fifth Committee informed the General Assembly in this connection that the actual amount required under section 26E, Conference services, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997, including the need for additional appropriation, would be considered by the General Assembly at its resumed session in 1996, 3/

1/ A/C.5/50/58.

2/ A/50/7/Add.15.

3/ A/50/823, para. 3.

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Recalling further that the General Assembly in its resolution 50/214 of 23 December 1995, already requested the Secretary-General to make economies in an amount of 103,991,200 United States dollars and also requested the Secretary-General to implement fully all mandated programmes and activities,

Reaffirming the budgetary process adopted in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, and subsequent relevant resolutions,

1. Decides to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments up to an amount of 5,517,000 United States dollars from section 26 of the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 for the provision of conference servicing to the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its subsidiary bodies;

2. Requests the Secretary-General, subject to fully implementing all mandated programmes and activities as required by resolution 50/214, to submit a report no later than 1 September 1996 containing proposals on possible means of absorption in the 1996-1997 programme budget;

3. Decides to revert to the issue of appropriations in the context of the first performance report.